

STANDING OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The following table has been compiled by the San Francisco "Examiner" and was published in its issue of August 27th. While it may not be absolutely correct, it probably gives a very good idea of the relative standing of the various insurance companies at the time of publication, and should be carefully studied by every physician who carries insurance upon his property:

Class A—The companies in this class are credited with fair and honorable settlements of their San Francisco losses.

Aetna of Hartford.
 Liverpool and London and Globe.
 California.
 Royal of Liverpool.
 Queen of America.
 Home of New York.
 Springfield.
 Connecticut.
 Continental.
 New Zealand.
 Scottish Union and National.
 Northern of London.
 Phoenix of London.
 Sun of London.
 New Hampshire.
 Hartford.
 Citizens.
 New York Underwriters.
 Atlas.
 North British and Mercantile.
 Law Union and Crown.
 Union of London.
 London Assurance.
 Pennsylvania.
 Insurance Company of North America.
 Alliance of Philadelphia.
 Niagara.
 Pelican.
 German-American.
 German Alliance.
 Glens Falls.
 Michigan.
 Teutonia.
 American Central.
 Mercantile.
 St. Paul.
 Agricultural.
 Phoenix of Hartford.
 Williamsburg City (on policies that do not contain the earthquake clause.)

Class B—This is the list of the "barbers." Their settlements range from 57 cents on the dollar up:

London and Lancashire.
 Orient.
 State of Liverpool.
 English-American Underwriters.
 Caledonian.
 Caledonian-American.
 Scotch Underwriters.
 Royal Exchange.
 American of New Jersey.
 Fire Association of Philadelphia.
 Philadelphia Underwriters.
 Phoenix of Brooklyn.
 Prussian-National.
 Delaware of Philadelphia.
 Rochester-German.
 National of Hartford.
 Providence-Washington.
 Western of Toronto.
 British-American.
 British-American of New York.
 Northwestern-National.
 Northwestern Fire and Marine.
 Austin of Texas.
 Eagle.

Assurance Company of America.
 Aachen and Munich.
 Hanover.
 Hamburg-Bremen.
 Svea.
 National Union of Pittsburg.
 Concordia.
 Franklin.
 Germania.
 Federal.
 Queen City.
 United Firemen's.
 Buffalo-German.
 Camden.
 Globe and Rutgers.
 Security of New Haven.
 Westchester.

Class C—The companies in this class offer settlements below 75 cents on the dollar:

New Brunswick, 70 cents.
 Girard, 70 cents.
 Milwaukee Mechanics, 70 cents.
 North River, 65 cents.
 German of Freeport, 60 cents.
 German-National, 60 cents.
 American of Philadelphia, 50 cents.
 German of Peoria, 50 cents.
 Nassau, 50 cents.
 American of Boston, 40 cents.
 New York of N. Y., 33 1-3 cents.
 Dutchess, 30 cents.

Class D—Companies on the waiting list. These include (a) those that while denying liability are considering loss-claims with a view to compromise settlement, (b) those that refuse to recognize liability and will not pay one cent, (c) those that have postponed settlement pending financial negotiations.

(a)
 Commercial Union of London.
 Commercial Union of New York.
 Alliance of London.
 Palatine.
 Indemnity.

(b)
 Rhine & Moselle,
 Transatlantic.
 Austrian-Phoenix.
 North German of Hamburg.
 North German of New York.
 Williamsburgh City (on earthquake policies).

(c)
 Calumet.
 Fireman's Fund.
 Home, Fire & Marine.
 Pacific Underwriters.
 Equitable.
 Companies in the hands of a receiver:
 Traders.
 Security of Baltimore.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of this association, which, as our readers doubtless know, includes all members of various boards of health and all health officers in the state, will be held at Alum Rock on October 12th. The members will gather in San Jose and go to Alum Rock sometime in the morning in a special car placed at their service by the railway company. The subject for discussion is a particularly fitting one, Mineral Springs of California; and after a luncheon at Alum Rock Springs, this subject will be discussed. It is hoped to make this meeting a particularly pleasurable one, as it will be somewhat in the nature of a picnic.